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CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

RE: PROPOSED H.B. NO. 6631

THE SERVICE OF CIVIL PROCESS AND ITS INHERENT RESPONSIBILITY IS "A
FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT". THOSE THOUGHTS WERE EXPRESSED BY
THE HON. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL DURING THE LEGISLATIVE DEBATE
SURROUNDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ABOLISHING THE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S SYSTEM.

MY NAME IS WILLIAM J. NOLAN AND I AM A CONNECTICUT STATE
MARSHAL AND FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF FROM NEW HAVEN COUNTY.
I, AND THE APPROXIMATELY 220 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE STATE
MARSHALS SYSTEM HAVE INHERITED THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO
SERVE CIVIL PROCESS FROM MINOR CIVIL ACTIONS UP TO AND
INCLUDING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS AND CAPIAS ARRESTS IN
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SUPPORT MATTERS. EVERY DAY IN THE MAJOR
CONNECTICUT COURTHOUSES STATE MARSHALS ARE ON DUTY
PURSUANT TO GENERAL STATUTES SECTIONS 6-38 AND 53A-3 (9).

WEEKLY, HUNDREDS OF THESE DOMESTIC CASES ARE ADDRESSED AND HANDLED BY STATE MARSHALS. ADDITIONALLY, A CAPIAS/WARRANT UNIT IS AT WORK DAILY BRINGING "DEAD BEAT DADS" TO JUSTICE, THEREBY HELPING FAMILIES LEAD FULLER LIVES. IN BOTH INSTANCES, MARSHALS ARE ONLY COMPENSATED WHEN SERVICE IS AFFECTED OR WHEN A PHYSICAL ARREST IS MADE. NO FEE IS PAID FOR OUR TIME OR EXPENSES. RESEARCH REVEALS THAT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS ALONE UPWARDS OF 100,000 MAN HOURS WERE SPENT WITH LIMITED OR NO COMPENSATION TO MARSHALS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, STATE MARSHALS ARE NOT ONLY PEACE OFFICERS BUT PUBLIC SERVANTS AS WELL, DOING UNSUNG WORK FOR THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THE CITIZENS OF OUR STATE.

TODAY, THE FAMILIES OF OUR MARSHALS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, ARE BURDENED WITH RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS. PROPOSED BILL NO. 6631 INTRODUCED BY REP. JAMES AMANN WOULD ALLOW STATE MARSHALS TO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE MEDICAL GROUP INSURANCE PLAN CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES.

I AM RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THIS COMMITTEE'S HELP IN
ALLOWING MARSHALS TO BE A PART OF THE STATE MEDICAL PLAN
THEREBY ASSISTING US IN PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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STATE MARSHALL